

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, lines 12-18 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Figures 18A-B document~~ Figure 18 documents the ability to reconstitute $\alpha_L\tau\delta\delta'$ (pol III*) complex of *S. pyogenes*. Proteins were mixed, preincubated for 20 min at 15°C, gel filtered on Superose 6, followed by analysis of the column fractions in a SDS polyacrylamide gel (~~Figure 18A~~ Figure 18). Proteins were loaded on a MonoQ column, then eluted with a linear gradient of 50-500 mM NaCl, followed by analysis of the column fractions in a SDS polyacrylamide gel (~~Figure 18B~~). The $\alpha_L\tau\delta\delta'$ complex migrates early.

Please replace the paragraph at page 125, lines 8-13 with the following amended paragraph:

A gel filterable complex (~~Figure 18A~~ Figure 18) of $\alpha_L\tau\delta\delta'$ was formed as demonstrated by coelution of τ , δ and δ' with α -large (fr# 14-26), whereas excess $\delta\delta'$ complex elutes in later fractions (fr# 30-38). The migration of the $\tau\delta\delta'$ protein complex in the $\alpha_L\tau\delta\delta'$ complex does not change significantly. The complex might dissociate under the nonequilibrium conditions of gel filtration due to low concentration of proteins, salt concentration and speed of resolution.

Please replace the paragraph at page 125, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

Generally, the reconstitution of the $\alpha_L\tau\delta\delta'$ complex on a MonoQ column results in a tight salt resistant complex (~~Figure 18B, fr# 23-35~~) which elutes at 500 mM NaCl. The high concentration of the proteins in the eluted fractions contributes to stability of the complex.